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Unlikely heros

Children do not always look to athletes or movies stars for their role models, some are as close as home
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National Guard invites Maryville to share building

By VALERIE MOSSMAN
MANAGING EDITOR

A new community building could be in the agenda for Maryville if City Council approves the sharing of the National Guard Armory.

City officials, councilmen, parks and recreation board members, university officials and members of the national guard all attended Wednesday's lunch meeting to discuss the new armory and the chances for a joint use armory.

Joint use armories are being used in areas such as Minneapolis, Sedalia and Utah. The building is proposed to consist of two classrooms designed to accommodate for distance learning, a kitchen and a drill hall. The drill hall is proposed to be 10,000 square feet, and the kitchen will be 1,300 square feet, which is large enough for eight to 10 cooks.

The proposed site is located near Donaldson Park at Sixteenth Street and Country Club Drive.

Many suggestions councilmen and parks and rec board members proposed for the use of the building included basketball courts, indoor track and indoor soccer. Northwest President Dean Hubbard suggested an ice rink to make the winters more exciting in Maryville.

"We have had a long cordial relationship with the guard over the years," Hubbard said. "But with the renovations on campus, it puts pressure on parking."

Hubbard said Northwest would be happy to lobby for the new armory for the Guard.

The armory is currently located on the Northwest campus. Northwest has offered 15 acres near Donaldson Park for the new armory.

Another aspect that makes Donaldson Park an attractive site is the recent approval of the first phase of a new asphalt trail from the park to Kawasaki. A trail will be constructed from South Hills Drive to Munn Street as the first phase. The trail will be 10 feet wide and eventually connect Maryville Middle School, the high school and Northwest.

The approval of the community building will not be until the voters have a chance to vote in the November elections.

KDLX may broadcast on radio with new FCC low-power class

By MARK HORNICKEL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Federal Communications Commission voted Jan. 20 to create a class of radio stations designed to serve localized communities, and the ruling may affect Northwest and Maryville radio stations.

The Commission approved low-power FM stations that would vary in strength from one to 100 watts, compared to 6,000 watts for the current small FM stations.

The Commission said the new service would enhance community-oriented radio broadcasting. Interest in low-power FM service was demonstrated when the Commission received comments from state and local government entities and various other groups.

The ruling would allow Northwest's radio station, KDLX, to actually broadcast on the radio, rather than the cable access it currently uses.

"Basically it will give us some justification," program director Kristin Jenn said. "It's kind of difficult when people ask us, well I heard about your station, but I can't find it on the dial. Well we're on cable access. It's kind of hard to explain to them that we are a real radio station, but we're not on the air."

The possibility of the station breaking onto the airwaves will enhance the program, adviser Joe Blaney said.

"It's incredible we've had this much success so far," Blaney said. "It's incredible that we literally have to add spots for our students, because what we're doing right now is radio on cable. People don't use cable for the radio. That's why I find all of this amazing. After we go on the air, my gosh, it's going to be colossal."

Jenn said it will be exciting for listeners to hear KDLX from almost anywhere in the Maryville area.

"We would be able to reach a larger audience if we went on the air," Jenn said. "Even if it's just Maryville, they can listen to us in their car. They can listen to us on their Walkman when they're working out. They don't have to have a TV readily available to hear us."

The low-power stations will be required to broadcast a minimum of 36 hours per week, the same requirement imposed on full-power non-commercial educational licensees. They will be subject to statutory rules, such as sponsorship identification, political programming, prohibitions of airing obscene or indecent programming, and requirements to provide periodic call sign announcements, and will be required to participate in the national Emergency Alert System.

KDLX is now looking for an independent organization to apply for the license and then contract with the station to provide services. Blaney said the initial applications will happen in May, and he is confident the license will be obtained.

"We will find an organization that's willing to apply for this license," Blaney said. "One way or another we'll be going on the air."

CRACKDOWN ON DRUGS

By VALERIE MOSSMAN
MANAGING EDITOR

Some local defendants may see a decrease in the cost of living if found guilty of recent drug charges.

Nodaway County has already charged eight defendants for drug-related activities, many of which received multiple charges.

David Baird, Nodaway County Prosecuting Attorney said 11 defendants received drug charges in 1999. However, within the first month of 2000, he has charged eight individuals.

Lt. Dennis Overbey with Missouri Highway Patrol Criminal Division, said methamphetamine labs are leveling off and the buying of marijuana has increased. Not only has Nodaway County seen a rise in drug cases but Missouri has seen an increase from 825 drug cases in 1994 to 2,939 drug cases in '98. Meth lab seizures, in particular, increased from six in '92 to 319 in '97.

"There has been a drastic rise in manufacturing meth," Overbey said. "It used to be a very involved process, but now with the 'Nazi' or 'Cold' method you can do it in a field. The chemicals generate their own heat so electricity isn't needed. Drug buys dropped because of the influx of methamphetamines."

Meth is most common among the Caucasian population which in many cases is rural Missouri towns.

The drop in meth producers may be caused by the strict enforcement toward meth production. The meth sentences are generally stricter than marijuana cases.

Overbey said law enforcement is starting to see resurgence of marijuana, crack cocaine and heroin.

Nodaway County seems to be following that exact trend. The recent charges for 2000 include possession of marijuana and psilocybin mushrooms.

Recent charges include those of Northwest students Kevin Singleton, Adam Burke and Jonathan Brancato.

Singleton is charged with class B felony possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute (marijuana) and control class C. Burke is charged with class C felony possession of a controlled substance. Brancato is charged with one count felony possession of controlled substance (marijuana) and one count production/growing a controlled substance (mushrooms).

Carol Cowles, assistant vice president of student affairs, said these charges will not affect their standing within the University.

"It is an off-campus issue," said Cowles. "It would not come through the Student Disciplinary Action Committee."

Other charges issued this year include Timothy Shackelford, 22, Maryville, and Christy Shackelford, 19, Maryville. They were both charged with the class B felony, sale of a controlled substance (marijuana), the class B felony possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute (marijuana) and the class C felony possession of a controlled substance. Michael N. Kissler, 20, Lincoln, Neb., was charged with the class B felony of sale of a controlled substance (mushrooms).

Baird said a class B felony carries a maximum punishment of 15 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections.



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Students experience possible careers

By MEGAN TADY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Staff members at KXCV-FM radio station saw their shadows this Groundhog Day.

Only their shadows were four high school juniors and seniors.

The students were participating in the second annual Groundhog Job Shadow Day Wednesday, which allowed them to choose among participating departments at Northwest in order to gain knowledge in a career.

KXCV-FM was among several departments playing host to the students. During a three-hour session, the students shadowed full-time and part-time staff to learn about the radio station.

"We tried to give an overview of the kinds of opportunities that exist in radio," said Sharon Bonnett, station manager for KXCV-FM. "We try to enlighten them to the fact that there are lots of opportunities that don't involve being on the air."

Students found the session benefited them in a variety of ways.

"It has given me a better over-

view of the whole thing," senior Erica Mitchell, from Worth County High School said. "I didn't know all these people went into the broadcast. It gives me a better idea if I want to go into radio, what jobs I could do."

It showed me I didn't know quite as much as I thought I did about radio. It takes a lot more to do what they do than it shows.

Other students were amazed at the amount of time and effort that goes into a broadcast.

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JUDD MEYER
JUNIOR AT CRAIG HIGH SCHOOL

School said. "It takes a lot more to do what they do than it shows."

The students were allowed to participate in hands-on activities as part of their learning experience. This included working on commercials where they added a variety of sound effects.

"I liked adding the sound effects," junior Jennifer Wardlow, from North Andrew High School said. "But it took five of us to do what she could do by herself."

Bonnett said teaching the production aspects of radio shows jobs differ from the typical day job position.



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Jennifer Wardlow, Alicia Jenkins, both juniors at North Andrew High School and Erica Mitchell a senior at Worth County High School learn how to add sound effects to a radio advertisement from Patty Holley, the operations manager for KXCV. The girls were part of the Groundhog Job Shadow Day on the Northwest Campus Wednesday. Groundhog Job Shadow Day is a national effort sponsored by America's Promise and the American Society of Association Executives. The Northwest Technical School in Maryville and the Atchison County Consortium have spearheaded the local effort. Other departments that participated include Career Services, Information Systems, the Northwest Missouri Educational Consortium, Environmental Services, the Missouri Arboretum and the Communication and Marketing Office.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY

■ **Encore presents "The King & I"**
7 p.m. at Mary Linn Performing Arts Center
■ **ABC Game Night**
7 p.m. at Hudson Hall Center-Rec.

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MONDAY

■ **Sculpture Exhibit by Victoria Kinshella Weaver**
Dulce Gallery
■ **Alcoholics Anonymous**
6 p.m., Maryville United Methodist Church
■ **Al-A-Non**
6 p.m., Methodist Church

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FRIDAY

■ **CLEP, GED and MAT Tests**
■ **Black History Hall of Fame**
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Student Union

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TUESDAY

■ **Narcotics Anonymous**
6 p.m., Agape house at Maryville United Methodist Church
■ **Student Senate Meeting**
7 p.m., Colder Hall 3500
■ **Lecture series: Warren Faidley, professional storm chaser**
8 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center

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SATURDAY

■ **Northwest Celebration performance**
5:30 p.m. at Mary Linn Performing Arts Center
■ **Women's basketball vs. Pittsburg State University**
5:30 p.m., Bearcat Arena
■ **Men's basketball vs. Pittsburg State University**
7:30 p.m., Bearcat Arena

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WEDNESDAY

■ **Women's basketball at Central Missouri State University**
5:30 p.m., Warrensburg
■ **Men's basketball at Central Missouri State University**
7:30 p.m., Warrensburg
■ **Alcoholics Anonymous**
6 p.m., Margaret Davidson Complex
■ **Al-A-Non**
6 p.m., Margaret Davidson Complex

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SUNDAY

■ **Gospel Extravaganza**
3 p.m. at Missouri Western State College, Fine Arts Building

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THURSDAY

■ **Alpha Mu Gamma/Phi Sigma Iota dinner**
■ **Encore presents Classical Pianists Enid Katahn**
7 p.m. at Mary Linn Performing Arts Center
■ **Maryville Middle School Wrestling**
4 p.m. at Bedford
■ **Service Auction**
7:06 p.m. at Conference Center

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PHOTO BY KATY GRABER/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER

John Palmer explains his science project to his mother Margaret. Maryville's Middle School hosted its annual science fair on Saturday, Jan. 29. Using scientific method, students were able to develop their own experiment and then have it judged.

Science fair headline

By MICHAELA KANGER
ASSISTANT PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Students at Maryville Middle School had the chance to share their knowledge of science with the rest of the community Friday and Saturday when the school held its annual science fair.

"All of our middle school students participate in the science fair," Shelby Scarbrough, sixth grade science teacher, said. "In fifth and sixth grade they work in groups. In seventh and eighth grade they work on individual projects."

A variety of judges were selected from throughout the community.

"We started at the University and asked different college classes, especially the science classes or education classes to help be judges," Scarbrough said. "Then we also have some volunteers from the community that have helped us for years and come back every year to help us out."

Although there were a variety of different projects, the judges had certain characteristics they were looking for in a winning project.

Lori Worthington, Northwest biology instructor, helped judge some of the students' experiments on Saturday.

Worthington said the judges were looking for a student that worked hard, had an original idea, created a reproducible experiment

and learned something from his or her work.

Ron Peterson, who is a student teacher at the middle school, was also a judge at the science fair.

"I'm looking to see if they know the information that is on their board to make sure that their parents didn't do it for them," Peterson said.

The first, second and third-place winners from the seventh and eighth grade have the chance to compete at a regional competition. This year the competition will be in St. Joseph on March 6.

Last year, Ashley Mullen, eighth grade, participated in the regional competition, which was held in St. Joseph. Her project focused on what household product made the best lubricant. She tested the variables by placing a weight on them and setting them on a ramp.

"It's a good learning experience," Mullen said. "I think that it's a good idea. It's really fun if you get into it."

Mullen's project this year was seeing what nutrients, with water without soil, helped grass grow. She used different types of water and then grew grass on socks, using no soil.

"I wanted to do something that was a little bit harder than last year because last year I got to regionals, but in eighth grade it is probably going to be a little bit harder," Mullen said.

NORTHWEST

Growmark to hold job interviews next week

Agronomy and agriculture majors seeking jobs may attend on-campus interviews next week.

Advanced Farming Systems will be interviewing Tuesday for an agronomic consultant and summer internships.

Growmark will be interviewing for a crops sales associate on Feb. 10.

Students may sign up through web registration. For additional information, contact Career Services at 562-1250.

ABC to commemorate Black History Month

The Alliance of Black Collegians is planning many activities to commemorate this year's Black History Month.

February was chosen as Black History Month because both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, men who fought for abolition, were born in February.

The members of ABC are presenting a Black History Hall of Fame from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday on the second floor of the Student Union. The Hall of Fame will include a history display of dedicated African Americans, as well as a presentation of the "Eyes of the Prize" video series.

On Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. in the Charles Johnson Theater, Galen Abdur-Razzaq will present a live jazz performance.

A one-woman play that characterizes the life of African Americans in history will be presented Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Charles Johnson Theater.

Check out the weekly calendar in *The Northwest Missourian* for other upcoming Black History Month events.

Student senate allocates \$2,500 to organizations

Student Senate allocated \$2,500 to student organizations in its meeting Tuesday.

Its financial affairs budget to date has depleted to \$3,710, which should last until the end of the

spring trimester.

Of the \$2,500 allocated, \$2,000 of it was given to the Northwest Student Athletic Trainers Association, which helps athletes at Northwest medically.

The other \$500 was given to members of the Newman Center for a mission trip to work with Habitat for Humanity.

Alumni announces cruise to Scandanavia, Russia

The third annual Tourin' Bearcats alumni excursion cruise has set its sights on Scandinavia and Russia.

The two-week cruise departs from Copenhagen, Denmark July 28. Stops will be made in Estonia, Russia, Finland, Sweden, Germany, Denmark and Norway. The tour will highlight the natural beauty, history, art and elegance of the land.

The cruise ends in Dover, England on Aug. 10. Northwest president Dean Hubbard and his wife, Alita, will play host on the cruise. Due to limited space, those who are interested should make their deposit as soon as possible. The final payment is due April 21.

Contact Northwest Alumni Relations at 562-1248 for more information.

Department sponsors eighth annual dinner

The modern languages department will play host to its eighth annual Alpha Mu Gamma/Phi Sigma Iota Dinner on Feb. 15.

The dinner will feature dishes from Hispanic and Francophone countries and a program of music from those countries performed by music students.

The menu will include carrot soup from Mexico, an onion quiche from France, a chicken and vegetable dish from Spain, salad and cheese from France and a French Mousse au chocolat with orange cookies from Quebec for dessert. A vegetarian version of the main dish will be available if requested at the time a ticket is purchased.

The dinner is scheduled for 6 p.m. at the Conference Center. Tickets for the dinner and program are \$12 and are available from Alpha Mu Gamma/Phi Sigma Iota

students and members of the modern languages faculty. Tickets will be on sale until noon Feb. 10.

For more information contact Louise Horner at 562-1737.

Scribblers to sponsor visiting writer Feb. 17

Northwest will welcome writer Paul Zimmer to campus Feb. 17 for a poetry reading at the Conference Center.

Zimmer has published 11 books of poetry, including *Family Reunion*, *The Great Bird of Love*, and *Crossing to Sunlight: Selected Poems*. He was awarded writing fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts in 1974 and 1981. Along with his fellowships, he has received three Pushcart Prizes, and his poems have been widely anthologized.

Zimmer's most recent work has been in the area of scholarly publishing. He has been the associate director of the University of Pittsburgh Press, director of the University of Georgia Press, and most recently was the director of the University of Iowa Press from 1984 to 1997. He currently spends most of his time separated between his farm in Wisconsin and his small house in southern France.

Zimmer is the most recent author to appear at Northwest in the ongoing Visiting Writers Series, a program which in the past has brought such writers as Carol Bly, Leigh Wilson, Mike Burns and Gary Gildner. The series is sponsored by Scribblers, the Northwest Creative Writing Organization.

This is the second year the student group has produced the series in coordination with various other projects including a student reading series and various workshop tutorials which occur throughout the year. The group, which encourages the advancement of creative writing and culture at Northwest, is sponsored by the Alumni Foundation, Culture of Quality and English department funds.

Zimmer's reading will begin at 8 p.m. on Feb. 17 in the Conference Center West. For additional information, contact Catie Rosemurgy at 562-1559.

Professional storm chaser to speak at Northwest

Warren Faidley, who is the world's only full-time professional storm photographer/chaser, will be the third speaker in Northwest's Distinguished Lecture Series on Feb. 8.

Faidley will take the stage 8 p.m. at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

He is also one of the most published photographers today. His breathtaking still images and film of graphic and sometimes violent weather are seen in books, motion pictures, advertisements and publications such as *Life* and *National Geographic* magazines.

He has served as a contributing cinematographer and consultant for the motion picture industry; most recently for the "Twister" motion picture. One of his stunning tornado images was chosen for the official "Twister" movie poster.

Chasing an average of 100 storms annually, in the spring he travels throughout the Midwest pursuing tornadoes, and in the summer he seeks out lightning storms in southwestern United States. During the late summer and early fall, he turns his attention toward hurricanes along the east and Gulf coast areas.

Faidley's autobiography-picture book, "Storm Chaser," was released in May 1996.

Meningitis shots offered at student health center

The University Health Center is continuing to make the meningococcal meningitis vaccine available to all students.

Meningococcal meningitis is a serious and potentially fatal illness. Passive and active smoking, bar patronage, alcohol consumption and living in group settings are all risk factors to this illness.

Shots range in cost from \$60 to \$65. Call the health center at 562-1348 for more information.

MARYVILLE

Historical Society hosts Victorian Valentine Tea

The Nodaway County Historical Society will host its fifth annual Victorian Valentine Tea on Saturday, Feb. 12. There will be two sittings for the formal multicourse English tea, a noon sitting and a 4 p.m. candlelight sitting. Both will be in the historical society's museum located in the 100 block of North Walnut in Maryville.

Table settings for the "Roses and Lace" Tea will be provided by county residents. Many of the formal settings will feature antique china and crystal.

"There will be a number of special touches to the tea," said Gayle Hull, chairman of the planning committee. "Ila Beery of Clearmont will create thematic centerpieces for each table, and special music will be performed throughout the afternoon by Anita Dew and Shelby Bonde."

Reservations can be made by calling 582-4107. There is a \$12.50 per person fee with all proceeds going to the maintenance of the historical society museum.

Missouri Life magazine features Maryville area

Missouri Life magazine has chosen Maryville as its features town in the upcoming April-May 2000 issue.

"Maryville is the jewel in Missouri's 'Green Hills' area," said Missouri Life publisher Greg Wood, who grew up on a farm east of Maryville in Gentry County and attended Northwest as part of his college training.

"We are proud to expose the entire state to the wonderful quality of life Maryville and the surrounding area has to offer."

Missouri Life editors are seeking interesting facts, stories and upcoming events to include in this special feature section.

"Our approach is to find and select the unique characteristics of the Missouri towns which we feature in *Missouri Life*," editor Danita Allen Wood said. "We are always looking for a great story. That could be a local hero, a fascinating endeavor, a historic event or something which captures the character of the town. The end result is a story which gives each town a distinctive sense of place."

Danita asks that any leads or ideas be sent to Hannibal Editor, Missouri Life, 1540 County Road 421, Fayette, Mo. 65248.

Missouri Life is published six times each year on a bimonthly schedule. The current press run of 45,000 copies reaches more than 140,000 Missourians. There are nearly 5,000 subscribers to the recently relaunched magazine with about 100 new subscribers every week. Subscription price is \$19.99 per year.

The magazine web site can be found at www.MissouriLife.com.

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COME AND JOIN THE CELEBRATION

I think I see the light

What do you mean you're Tony Miles, I thought I was waiting for a ROLLER COASTER!

I remember when I was a little kid when this line started!

Hey Baby, are you a real fan?

I told you to go when we were walking by the Shop and Hop!

Are we there yet?

I have to go POTTY?

I shouldn't have worn my heels for Travis! ouch

Do you think Mel will write on my cat?

CODY SNAPP

THE SCENE AT THE AUTOGRAPH SESSION FOR THE NORTHWEST FOOTBALL PLAYERS.

MY VIEW

Take time to invest in future

BY KATIE WAHLERT
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The 2000 presidential campaign is well on its way with the recent Iowa caucuses and the New Hampshire primaries.

My involvement in this election is different than any other year. First of all, this will be the first presidential election in which I have been eligible to participate. This is the first year I have been able to help determine who will be the leader of our nation for the next four years. Normally, this would be the least of my concerns. But this year proves to be different.

Of all the classes I have ever taken, I never thought I would appreciate government so much. I am still not really fond of the course itself, but I am pretty interested in politics.

The idea that we have a chance to voice our concerns and opinions regarding the head honchos is pretty amazing in itself, when considering the rights granted to citizens of other world nations. But beyond that, our opportunity to choose the president

is something we should take full advantage of during your life.

Why? You ask.

Well, first of all, the man that our nation selects to run our country this year is going to affect the years of your life, your children's lives and your children's children's lives eventually.

The policies that are passed regarding health care, social security, taxes and educational reform, for example, are going to play directly into our future.

Are you still wondering why you should care?

I do not know about you, but I do not want to have to spend the rest of my life working just to pay for other people's retirement. Without social security reform, social security won't be there when I need it. I am not investing a life savings in school just for kicks. The president-elect will be determining the job availability and how long we are going to have to work.

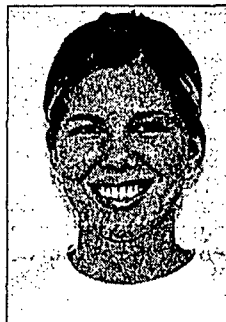
I never realized how easy it was to get involved until I had the opportunity to go to a caucus. Although the

nearest caucus around here is held in Iowa, the advantages of attending could be enormous, especially considering it is involving your future.

A caucus is where it all begins. Caucuses are the grass-roots of politics. It is the most simple and basic form of democracy. All the democrats get together and discuss the democratic candidates differences at one location and the republicans do the same at another location. True, the caucus has already come and gone, but there are still ways to get involved.

Even if you do not have the time to research each candidate's stance on issues, find one that focuses strongly on an issue that you feel strongly about and support him.

In the age of the information superhighway, the information is at your fingertips. All it takes is the click of a mouse button and you can help make a decision that will affect the next 30 years of your life. Maybe someday you will be glad you took the time to invest in your future.



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OUR VIEW

Wear Your Colors

While Kansas City declares "Derrick Thomas Day," the *Missourian* remembers all victims of car accidents caused by harsh weather

Did you wear red on Friday?

Kansas City did. It was to honor Derrick Thomas, a Kansas Cityan injured in a car accident Sunday, Jan. 23. Oh, he was a football player for the Kansas City Chiefs, too.

What about wearing red for the blood shed on Interstate 29 that same day, or for the fire that consumed nine lives, or for the vehicle that rolled and killed a grandfather? Why not wear red for Mike Tellis, Thomas' good friend, who was killed after being thrown from Thomas' car?

"Derrick Thomas is no better than the people who lost their lives or were injured Sunday," Jason Whitlock wrote in his column in the Jan. 24 issue of the *Kansas City Star*. "We just know Derrick better."

Yes, we do. We know Thomas was a linebacker for the Chiefs. We know Thomas has a successful program, "Third and Long," which helps many children. But, how many lives did Larry and Meredith Bass touch as prominent doctors in Springfield? Is Thomas' program as important to him as Linda Haen's almost-completed doctorate was to her? Were Thomas' intentions as true as Jean Roster driving all the way from Florida to celebrate his grandson's 16th birthday? Was Thomas' program as refreshing and fulfilling as a blossoming love between two coeds, who had just met each other's parents?

Nobody wore red for Tellis and nobody wore red for the victims of the I-29 pile up.

Those whose lives were innocently claimed on I-29 amid fire, ice, snow and twisted metal played a role in various communities just as Thomas did. Thomas will never put a crushing blow on a quarterback or ball carrier again. He will however, be able to experience many more valuable moments in life. But a grandson will never see his grandfather again, two college students will never graduate and the Basses will never see their grandchildren. Are these moments less valuable or less important than Thomas never playing football again?

We recognize the many victims of accidents around the area over the last few weeks. We ask that you wear red, or green or blue or any color you like, but please remember they were all important.

YOUR VIEW...

WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT. CALL THE MISSOURIAN NEWSROOM AT 562-1980.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New tax will support possible Amtrak lines

Dear Editor,

At the December meeting of the Springfield Branson Corridor study group, Chairman Sam F. Hamra and Gary Ludlam of Missouri Department of Transportation spoke adamantly that state Rep. Norma Champion has asked the group to support possible future Amtrak efforts. Amtrak officials have been talking to Missouri officials and the legislature about supporting a passenger rail. Amtrak plans are to have high speed trains running from Chicago to St. Louis in two years. One proposal is to run them through southwest Missouri into Oklahoma and then into Texas.

Missourians for Rail Passenger Service is working to place a one-tenth of a percent sales tax of fuel on the 2000 ballot. It would generate 3.8 million a year which would be used or a base to work with, and it could be put with federal funds to help make it happen. Anyone wanting more information can look at <http://techparks.ams.net> Springfield to Kansas City is also a possibility. Anyone wanting to help or get copies of petition please mail a self-addressed envelope to Steve Reed, Coordinator; Missourians for Rail Passenger Service; 101 S. Rice #16 Nixa, Mo., 65715. Now is the time for all citizens who support such service in Missouri to speak out.

STEVEN REED, NIXA, MO.

Haitian refugees denied access to America

Why is it that virtually all Haitian refugees, including children, are returned to Haiti by the Coast Guard, while many Cuban refugees are allowed to stay in the United States? The conditions of life for children in Haiti are worse than in Cuba. Children work in sweatshops for U.S. corporations like Disney in Haiti, and there isn't any free health care and education as there is in Cuba. Cuba is a better environment for children, even with the U.S. embargo, than is Haiti. If Elian Gonzalez had been one of the thousands of Haitian children risking their lives to flee that island, the story would have been ignored by the U.S. media.

The determining factor is whether people are fleeing a socialist or a capitalist country. The overriding concern of U.S. foreign policy is the preservation of capitalism and the opening of all countries to U.S. corporate domination.

The intense controversy over little Elian Gonzalez is entirely political. The Cuban exile community in Florida is utilizing the existing antagonism toward Cuba by the U.S. government to further its own ends.

This little boy has suffered enough with the loss at sea of his mother and now the continuing debate over which country he should call home. If these U.S. politicians, who constantly talk of "family values," really believe in them, Elian Gonzalez should be sent back to his father and grandparents in Cuba.

GARY SUDBOROUGH, BELLFLOWER, CALIF.

CORRECTION

Due to printing errors, the 1999 Special Commemorative Football Issue, distributed in the Jan. 27 issue of *The Northwest Missourian*, had missing lines from several stories and cutlines along with other errors. For a re-printed version of the Bearcat Football special section, please stop by Wells Hall between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Roger Charley
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"Betting and gambling is part of our makeup. We as humans are naturally competitive, but some people can have a problem with it. Little bets are OK, but betting your whole paycheck is wrong."

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Res. Life restructures living quarters for freshmen

By DEBBIE BACON
NEWS EDITOR

Students choosing to live on campus will see changes in the upcoming years as part of a proposal recently approved by the Board of Regents to modernize residential life.

Mark Hetzler, senior residential life coordinator, said the proposal was put together to boost student success and to address student concerns.

Hetzler and Matt Baker, residential life coordinator for student services, reviewed student feedback from exit surveys compiled over the last two to three years.

Hetzler said they also researched how other universities handled residential life and why they set their program up that way. Freshmen needs were a key area addressed.

"Freshmen needs tend to be different than upperclassmen needs," Hetzler said.

He said the period between the freshman and sophomore year is the most critical, because it is the time when the highest drop-out rate occurs.

Hetzler said the University has raised the retention rate over the last 10 years from 62 percent to 72 percent, but he is still looking for

improvement.

Included in the proposal is the creation of a freshman learning center. The staff to freshman student ratio will be 1:25.

Some of its other goals are to increase academic support, provide opportunities for personal and social growth, to have more active programs and interactions with staff and to partner with departments to create learning opportunities.

Baker said they hope to strengthen ties with Freshman Seminar in an effort to meet those goals.

"It's a University approach to

student success," Baker said.

Hetzler said they hope to provide connectivity rather than repetition. He said this will allow for information to be delivered better.

He said the lower ratio will allow for more personal interaction between Residential Assistants and their residents to curb discipline issues.

Hetzler said students are coming to college with more issues, because society has more issues to deal with as a whole.

"We're staffed like we're in the '50s, but society has changed," Hetzler said. "We need to adjust our staffing to meet today's needs."

Freshmen will find themselves segregated to provide this freshmen learning center environment. Upperclassmen living in residence halls designated as freshmen-only will be allowed to live in certain sections of the building next fall, but will be phased out the following year.

"We have tried to meet students half-way," Hetzler said. "As with any change there are always growing pains."

Hetzler and Baker said the proposal is one that will be ever-evolving.

Baker emphasized that many changes for next fall were data

driven. Baker asked for upperclassmen who are upset about the changes to step back and look at the bigger picture.

He said they will be more likely to have access to residence halls with air-conditioning, carpet, movable furniture and looser policies, with the student to RA ratio being 1:50.

Not only will students be seeing changes, but so will the staff. Baker said there will be a 22 percent increase in the number of RAs by next year.

In addition, other changes will be made in the upper management structure of residential life.

Council approves Permanent Street Project

By KATIE WAHLERT
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Travel in the northeast part of Maryville this summer may be detoured because of the reconstruction of North Dewey from East 7th Street to East 16th Street.

The Maryville City Council approved the design for this year's Permanent Street Project on Jan. 24. The next step is for officials to find the most appropriate bid for the projects.

The first part of the two-part project involves waterline replacement. Currently, the waterline lies under the middle of the street which makes it difficult to access when problems occur. Through the project, the waterline will be moved to the side of the street, so problems can be fixed without tearing up the whole street, Matt Chesnut, director of public works, said.

Besides the replacement of the waterline, Chesnut said improving the street usually means widening it and putting a curb and gutter system in to conduct storm water to its proper place.

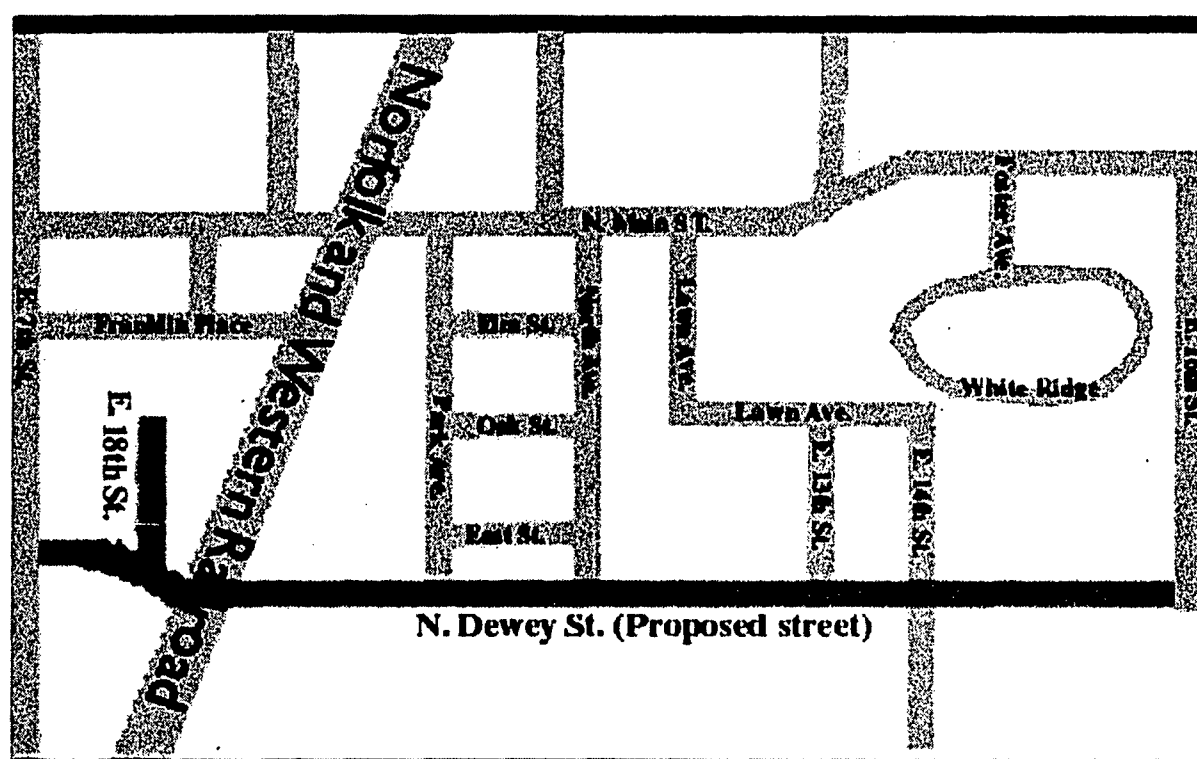
The second part of the project will replace an unimproved, asphalt or chip-and-seal street.

"With the street project, our goal is to improve the surface of the street," Chesnut said.

The project, which is funded by a tax that was passed in the early '80s, has \$500,000 budgeted for the street and \$150,000 for the waterline. The three-eighths of a cent tax allows \$370,000 to \$400,000 to be used annually on the Permanent Street Project, City Manager David Angerer said.

The project will begin in the spring after bids are in. Waterline bids are due Feb. 29 and street bids are due March 1. The waterline replacement is expected to take three months, Chesnut said. The street project is expected to start in June or July after the waterline is completed.

2000 Proposed Permanent Street Project



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Campus bookstore to shift locations

By ROBT T. DUVALL
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Only a few weeks remain until Northwest's Bearcat Bookstore plans to close — at least for a couple of days.

Store manager Kent Marlow said the store will be closed Feb. 17 and 18 to make its move back to the Student Union. The Union was the bookstore's original location before renovations, beginning in the spring of 1998, forced it to relocate.

"We're in the preparation of moving our merchandise," Marlow said. "Basically, we're boxing up school supplies and textbooks."

The re-opening of the bookstore at the Union is scheduled for Feb. 21, if all goes as planned.

"If any delays occur in the design, then we would put off the opening until Feb. 28," Marlow said.

Marlow said a design team from Barnes & Noble, the bookstore's national affiliate, will arrive Feb. 9 to begin working on the new location. Among the team's plans are improvements for better merchandising.

Marlow also said the new store will be much more visible and inviting. Its large windows will let customers easily look and see what's going on inside.

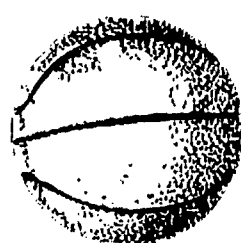
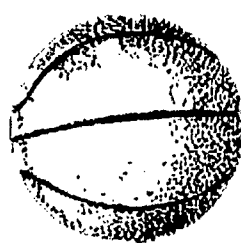
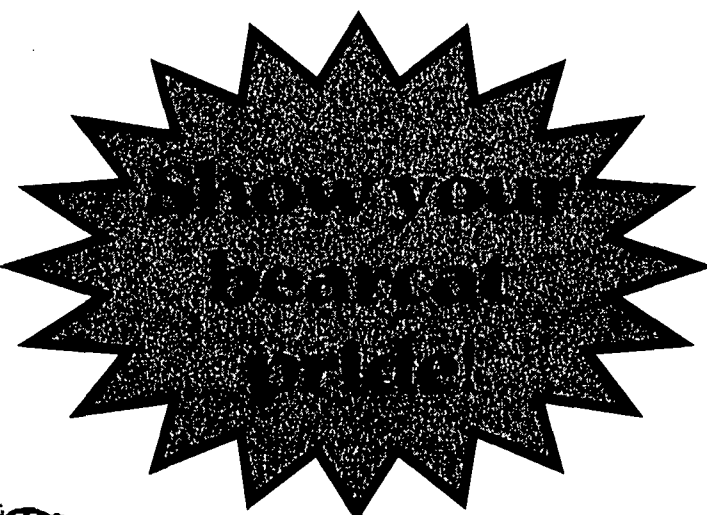
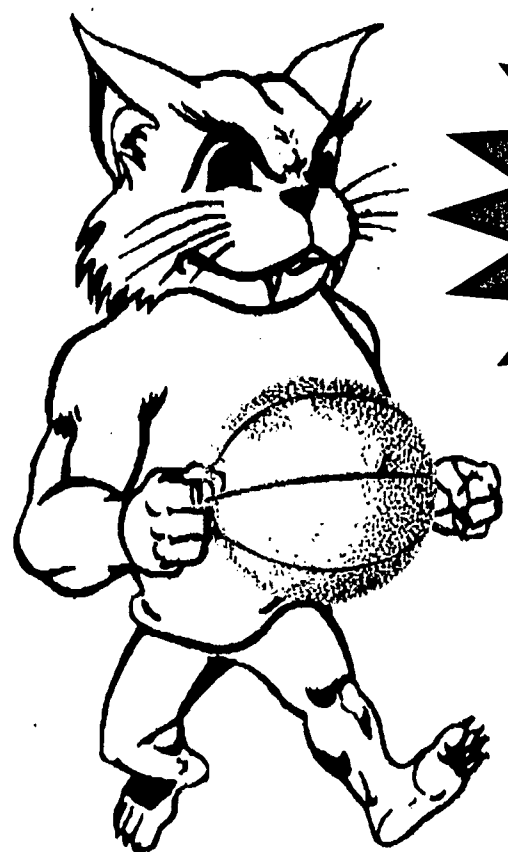
"It's a really nice layout," Marlow said. "We've had to make due in (the current) store, and we couldn't really merchandise properly because it was so little. We're really looking forward to getting back over to the Union."

Marlow said having the store in the Union is of greater benefit to customers.

"The centralized location is definitely a big boost for the bookstore," he said. "More people come in and just browse. In (the current) location, you really had to have a reason to come here because there's nothing else in the building."

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Students receive first look at University

By KATIE WAHLERT
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Prospective academy students touring campus Friday were able to gain a better perspective of what may be their future home.

The Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing, which is expected to open this fall, will allow students who are ranked in the top percentile of Missouri high schools to live on campus while enrolled in an advanced curriculum.

"This is not a recruiting program," Russ Pinizzotto, dean of the

academy said. "The idea behind this program is to give the top, the most academically talented students in the state, a head start on going to college. When they complete the academy, we hope that they will go on to the best colleges and university programs throughout the United States."

For sophomore Katie White and junior Matt Davidson of St. Mary's High School, the academy will offer a new challenge, something they feel they are lacking as students in Independence.

In order for students to be

eligible for admission to the academy, they must be high school juniors who have completed two years of algebra and a year of geometry. They must also earn a minimum ACT score of 23 and 24 in math, Pinizzotto said.

According to statistics, the score places students in the top eight percent of students testing in Missouri, the average score is 22.

Northwest is one of 45 academies in the United States, 13 of which are residential, and most of which are stand alone institutions, Pinizzotto said.

Pinizzotto said Northwest would be the third program to be integrated, next to the Texas Academy of Math and Science at the University of North Texas, which Northwest is modeled after, and the Advanced Academy of Georgia at West Georgia State College.

"This is the only academy like this in the state, so it will help our reputation statewide," Pinizzotto said. "I think it will be an opportunity to develop some interesting courses as time goes along."

He also said the academy will be a good emphasis to add to our

"Quality" program.

"The one thing that I think really needs to be emphasized all the time is that we're not just interested in the academics," Pinizzotto said. "We really are interested in the student development as well."

Pinizzotto also said there will be special arrangements in the residence halls to ensure that students are adapting to the program.

The academy will require students to take a seminar class, similar to Freshman Seminar, that will cover health and wellness issues, time management and study skills.

Record number of voters turn out in N.H.

By JULIA LEVY

THE DARTMOUTH/DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

(U-WIRE) HANOVER, N.H. — After months of town meetings, speeches and hand shaking, the voters of New Hampshire turned out in record numbers Tuesday to register their decisions in the country's first primary leading up to the 2000 Presidential election, making Arizona Sen. John McCain and Vice President Al Gore the choices for their respective party nominations.

McCain defied most predictions, scoring a landslide victory of 49 percent over Texas Gov. George W. Bush's 31 percent, while Gore maintained a lead over former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley, but did not earn much glowing room with his four-percentage-point victory.

With the nation's first primary votes tallied, the candidates are reconsidering their campaign tactics and moving on to woo voters in the rest of the country.

The Republican results held surprises both for the leading runners and the minor candidates.

McCain heads into the South Carolina primary two weeks away with a surprising lead over Bush.

The New York Times reported that Bush advisers were caught off-guard by the magnitude of the loss in New Hampshire, even though the state is known to support maverick candidates like McCain.

Other candidates were also disrupted by McCain's near majority support. Third place candidate Steve Forbes came out with 13 percent of the vote, Gary Bauer left the state with six percent and Alan Keyes recorded one percent.

As McCain and Bush noted in their speeches, the New Hampshire primary is only the first step in a long pre-election season, and both have a lot of work ahead.

Despite the New Hampshire victory, McCain is not a shoe-in to come out on top in South Carolina, a state where Bush is now winning by a 20-percent margin in polls.

One of the problems that faces McCain as he moves forward is that Bush is more popular in South Carolina because of his family, his religious beliefs and his position as the perceived frontrunner.

The Democratic primary left the perceived frontrunner, Gore, in the lead, but not with a large enough margin for Bradley to abandon the race.

Dartmouth government professor Linda Fowler said the two Democratic candidates will most likely continue running the tough, aggressive campaigns that have classified the race so far.

However, she said Bradley could face future road blocks in the Southern states, where Gore has backing from unions, teachers and black voters.

Political analysts had mixed opinions about the results of the Democratic primary. Some said the close margin could add steam to Bradley's prospects, while others said Gore's victory proved him to be the true Democratic frontrunner.

Restaurants change management to survive

By KATIE WAHLERT
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Golden Eagle Steakhouse is under new management temporarily to help spread its wings while getting off to a better start.

Shuwen Ye, manager of the Mandarin, is helping Golden Eagle make some adjustments to increase customer clientele. Ye, along with her husband and cousin, own the Mandarin, which has been serving steady for over five years.

The steakhouse, which opened in September 1999, is looking to increase its customer intake through menu changes and price reductions on special dinners.

The Golden Eagle is offering a senior buffet for \$3.75, which is more than a dollar off the regular buffet. It is also offering an 8-ounce steak special for \$4.99, half the price of a regular steak dinner.

Ye hopes with more advertising and specials, people will be drawn in to taste the food.

Ye also said she thinks the key to increasing business is "getting people to come in and try (the Golden Eagle) for the first time while the prices are down and go from there."

In addition to managing the Mandarin, Ye and her family will be opening a fast-food Chinese restaurant this spring or summer. The establishment will be located across from Subway on North Main Street.

It will offer many of the same entrees as the Mandarin. Ye said that although there will not be a buffet, there will be more combination meals suitable for individuals. The new restaurant will have dine-in, carry out, and delivery options available.

The Golden Eagle is open Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The manager of the Golden Eagle, Joe Kwong, is helping out at the Mandarin while the steakhouse undergoes reorganization. Ye said after what hopefully will be only a couple of months, management will return to normal.

Kwong, along with Ye and her family, owns the Golden Eagle.

Passion for movies sparks interest in store

Locally-owned business provides DVDs, CDs and video games along with variety of video rentals

By SARA SITZMAN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Kathy Rice has always had a passion for all movies. Not only does she have an extensive collection at home, but when the opportunity developed to have her own video store, she jumped at the chance.

To keep Movie Magic stocked with the newest hit videos, Rice often attends video store conventions. Studios bring in actors and actresses to promote their movies, and store owners are given an opportunity for autographs.

"I was surprised that most people are really nice and friendly," Rice said.

She said it is fun to get their autographs and talk with them for the few seconds it takes them to sign

their names. Rice keeps the autographs in frames above the counter at Movie Magic. One of her most famous autographs is of Cameron Diaz, who at the time was promoting "The Mask."

Movie Magic offers more than just video rentals. Two years ago it added DVDs to its selection, and they have continued expanding. Games for Sega, Nintendo 64 and Playstation are also available. A new line of video games are coming out this fall for Playstation 2 and Nintendo.

There are many CD selections at Movie Magic as well. CDs can be special ordered if the product is not at the store.

In 1999, Movie Magic started "Midnight Sales" for new CD releases. The program means people in Maryville are among the first in the nation to get popular new releases.

"I've gotten more into music because of my business than I ever was before," Rice said.

Rice has also included her store into the Pokémon craze for the children. Since the demand for Pokémon is so great Rice started a calling list at Movie Magic to inform children when new items are in stock at her store.

Movie Magic now has the National Top 100 Video Rentals of 1999. Checklists are available that have national figures as well as Movie Magic's depiction of the top 100 videos.

When Rice is not busy at the store or watching movies she is active in the community and with her family. She participates in Chamber of Commerce activities and is a chairperson for the Heart of the City, an organization that coordinates activities for the community.

Movie Magic is located at 107 E. Fourth St. in Maryville.

Melissa Myers works at Movie Magic. Movie Magic, owned by Kathy Rice, is stocked with the newest hit videos, DVDs, video games and CDs. Movie Magic is located at 107 East Fourth. PHOTO BY MIKE WARNER/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER



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College education program to be evaluated

By JAMASA KRAMER
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Starting Saturday Northwest's College of Education and Human Services will be under the evaluation of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

The evaluation of the college by these two programs is part of a routine quality check of the teacher education program. Representatives from NCATE and DESE visit Northwest every five years to make sure it meets the

standards set for an accredited teacher education program.

Although the evaluation is routine, this will mark the first year for Northwest to receive visits from both programs at the same time, Terry Barmann, NCATE coordinator and assistant professor, said.

"Recently Missouri entered into a partnership between DESE and NCATE," he said. "They have agreed to work together and have a joint-site visit. Missouri is the 42nd state of 44 to do this. We will be the first institution in the state to be visited by both at the same time."

Barmann said the visit by these two programs is crucial, because the team of representatives are sent to determine whether or not Northwest's teacher education program is worthy of being labeled as accredited.

"This visit literally means life or death," he said. "If the state doesn't like what they see, they could shut us down and that could have a devastating affect on this institution."

Barmann said the college is well prepared for the visit and he is certain Northwest will receive a positive evaluation from NCATE and DESE.

Max Ruhl, dean of the College of Education and Human Services, said the college is looking forward to the visit.

"We are anxious to meet with these folks from across the country," he said. "They will give us positive feedback and tell us if we have any areas that need to be improved."

Unlike DESE, NCATE is a voluntary accreditation program. In the United States there are 1,200 institutions that offer teacher education programs, Northwest is one of 550 to be accredited by NCATE. Northwest has been a member

since 1954.

"We don't have to put ourselves through the evaluation of NCATE, it is voluntary," Ruhl said. "It provides sort of a statement about the quality of your program if you are a member of NCATE. It is part of our commitment to improve."

Barmann said Northwest's affiliation with NCATE says something about the teacher education program.

"It really puts Northwest at the top of teacher education," he said. "Most colleges that do teacher education are not NCATE institutions."

Belgium instructor visits campus

By SARA SITZMAN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Northwest students experienced a different style of teaching, while learning about a different culture this week.

The School of Business at Northwest played host to faculty exchange participant Hugo Moonen through the Magellan Exchange Program.

Moonen who arrived on Jan. 24 is from Belgium and will be at Northwest until Feb. 4. While on campus he met with University President Dean Hubbard, Provost Tim Gilmour, various teaching departments and students.

Moonen teaches at Provincial Hogeschool Linburg in Hasselt, Belgium. He teaches classes in civil law, insurance law, industrial law and insurance. While at Northwest Moonen has taught European law.

This was Moonen's first visit to Northwest, but he has been in the United States before. Moonen has visited universities in Boston; Georgia, Florida and Washington D.C.

"People need to participate in programs like Magellan so they can learn about life in countries other than their own," Moonen said.

Moonen thinks Northwest is a very good University. He said the student/teacher relationship at Northwest is vastly different compared to Belgium. While students and teachers have closer relationships at Northwest, in Belgium relationships are less open.

Negar Davis, the director of International and Multicultural Affairs, said Northwest participates in the Magellan Exchange Program with Belgium, Finland, Holland and Germany. The purpose of the program is for other teachers to learn about Northwest and for Northwest faculty to learn about other institutions.

"This program is an effort to internationalize the University," Davis said.

Davis said it helps faculty, staff and students to become exposed to different cultures. With the Magellan Exchange Program, faculty can exchange techniques in teaching different courses.

Northwest hosts three to four international visitors a year. Davis said that while visits are often short, they are very educational to both visitors and hosts.



HUGO MOONEN
VISITING INSTRUCTOR

Workshop provides students with career ideas

By TODD SHAWLER
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Conference Center will be filled with Northwest Missouri middle school students Thursday, as the Access 2000 sponsored workshop, "Lost at Sea," gets underway.

The "Lost at Sea" workshop is sponsored by Access 2000, which operates out of the Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments located in Maryville. The workshop will be led by Access 2000 Coordinator Brenda Emery.

The workshop will be for seventh and eighth grade students from eight Northwest Missouri counties, including Andrew, Atchison, Clinton, Dekalb, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway and Worth. Emery said she expects a total of around 216 people Thursday from 29 Northwest Missouri middle schools, with each school bringing six to eight students.

Emery said the Access 2000 program is designed to be a career opportunity exploration program. It helps point students toward available career opportunities, and it helps students plan for careers. The workshop also allows students to learn about themselves.

"There is a lot of information about careers presented to the students," Emery said. "But it is presented in a really fun way."

Emery also said students of the same schools will be separated from each other when they arrive at the workshop. She said this will provide the students with the opportunity to experience new ideas and also make new friends from other neighboring schools.

This year's workshop speaker and operator of "Ride the Ducks" in Branson is Patrick Maupin, who is also known to many as "Captain Stretch." Maupin will direct the workshop activities, which will include "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People," "Lost at Sea" and other fun group activities. "Lost at Sea" comes from the team decision-making activities the students will take part in throughout the day.

The workshop will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Conference Center. Student should check in and get table assignments. The workshop will proceed until a lunch break, which is scheduled from 12:15 to 1 p.m. The afternoon schedule will include more group activities, exercises and a workshop evaluation, as well.

Students and their sponsors taking part in the program will also be presented a free T-shirt.

Delegates converge to discuss funding

Leaders gather to plan next phase of Mission Enhancement at Strategic Planning Retreat

By MARK HORNICKEL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Northwest faculty, administrators and students, along with some Maryville officials, came together Saturday to determine issues the University should focus on during its next phase of Mission Enhancement funding.

About 100 people attended the Strategic Planning Retreat, which gave students and faculty a chance to voice concerns about issues that are facing the University.

Annette Weymuth, executive assistant to the president, has been planning Strategic Planning retreats for the last nine years. Weymuth said she was happy with the accomplishments of this year's meeting.

"I think it went wonderfully," Weymuth said. "I'm really pleased with the collaborative effort. It's just amazing to me the amount of information that gets generated."

Delegates were also very pleased with the information and ideas formulated at the retreat.

"It was one of the better ones I've been to," Kent Porterfield, vice president of student affairs said. "People were really engaged and there was a lot of interaction. People were able to voice their concerns, and I think people left there feeling they really had a chance to give input on our strategic direction."

After listening to an update on various key issues and predictions of certain areas, the delegates broke into round table discussions that focused on issues such as economics, competitiveness, politics, education and technology. Each group tried to come up with five issues the University should focus on for Mission Enhancement funding.

"There was a lot of information shared and it was presented in a real succinct way," Porterfield said. "It was short enough so that you didn't lose people, but the information was deep enough that a lot



Max Ruhl, dean of the College of Education and Human Services (center), facilitates as delegates formulate ideas during a round table discussion at Saturday's Strategic Planning Retreat. Over 100 faculty, students and community

officials attended the retreat to discuss issues what issues Northwest should focus on during its next phase of Mission Enhancement funding. Round table groups discussed issues such as economics, competition, technology and education.

of information was provided. I learned things I didn't know."

One theme of the retreat was putting an emphasis on educational programs and producing quality teachers.

Another theme of the retreat was linking general education requirements with methods courses, and a need for teachers to think "out of the box" and experiment with different teaching styles.

Some concerns also included expanding the "connectedness" of University services and improving the quality of K-12 education through collaboration.

University President Dean Hubbard said there are many

changes that might affect the amount of funding Northwest receives for Mission Enhancement. A new governor will be taking office and term limits for legislators will take effect.

"Ninety percent of the legislators that are (in Jefferson City) now, will not be there," Hubbard said. "That has enormous implications for interacting with legislators. This is my 16th year and there are legislators from both parties who have been there that whole time — people that I know and can walk into their office and ask them interpretations of what's going on and what will work and how to go about doing things. That will be

gone. We also have reapportionments. It's a virtual certainty that this region will lose representation. So the political environment is going to change very radically."

Hubbard said it is hard to say how much the changes will impact Northwest and higher education.

"It's going to be a time for change," Hubbard said. "We're going to have to adjust our strategy in working with the legislature and how can we get people's attention. No one knows yet."

The information discussed at the retreat will be gathered and the Strategic Planning Council will decide what to include in the initiative for Mission Enhancement.

Service offers transportation to students during weekends

By RICHARD HUBBLE
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Students on campus without cars can still get around town Maryville on Saturdays by utilizing a new, free transportation service on campus.

Negar Davis, the director of International and Multicultural Affairs, developed the idea after talking with students who had difficulties getting to the places they needed to go in Maryville.

She shared her idea with other offices on campus, including Campus Safety and Environmental

Services.

"We looked at it and supported her in it," lead auto technician Steven Germann said.

The vehicle used is a mini-bus equipped with a wheelchair lift.

Germann also helped in selecting, testing and training the drivers by taking a "short run for them to get the feel of the machine," he said.

He said he wanted to be comfortable about them driving the vehicle around town because of its size.

The drivers had to go through

more than the training, Clarence Green, director of Campus Safety said. The drivers were required to get a chauffeur's license, take a drug and alcohol test and learn University policies.

Davis said the service is open to any student on campus who does not have a form of transportation. Students can sign up for the transportation service at the International and Multicultural Affairs office. Students need to present their Bearcat ID card at the time they sign up.

The service began Jan. 15 and

will run until April 29. It will then be evaluated to determine if it should be continued. All transportation dates are on Saturdays. Additionally, services will be offered the Wednesday during Spring Break.

Students are picked up at the Union between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., with the last pick-up in town at 3 p.m. The bus makes stops at the square in downtown Maryville, Econo Foods, Wal-Mart, Watkins Hardware in the Mary Mart Center and Food-4-Less.

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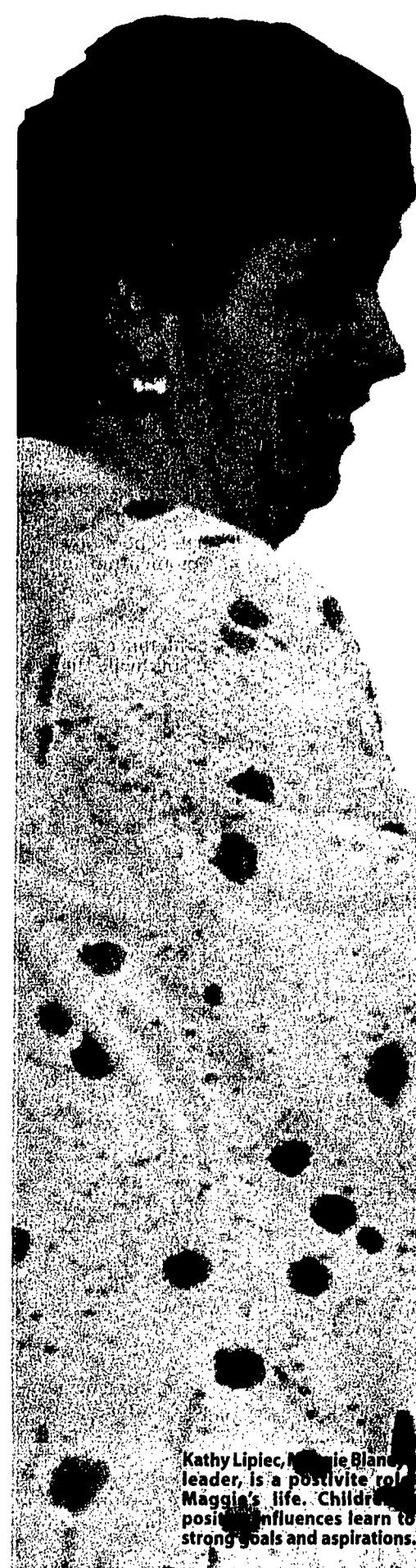
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Unlikely Heroes

By Jackie Tegen



Kathy Lipiec, Maggie Blaney's Girl Scout leader, is a positive role model in Maggie's life. Children who have positive influences learn to establish strong goals and aspirations.

Our T-shirts say 'to the world you may just be somebody, but to somebody you may just be the world.' I think that says it all because to the little kids we really are.

TIFFANY JOHNSTON
KIDS VOLUNTEER

Maggie Blaney may only be 7 years old but she knows what it takes to be a hero. "It's someone who saves you," Maggie said.

Whether Clark Kent spins into Superman just in time to save the day or Cinderella finally gets the prince, children are introduced to heroic figures at an early age.

For most youth, heroes represent a life to hope for and area organizations are working to insure their dreams come true.

Northwest's Concerned Individuals Dedicated to Students is just one area program designed to insure children have someone to look up to — in fact it is their entire purpose.

The group meets monthly for parties where children with domestic instability are given a safe outlet.

"Our T-shirts say 'to the world you may just be somebody, but to somebody you may just be the world,'" Tiffany Johnston, KIDS volunteer said. "I think that says it all because to the little kids we really are."

Johnston is just one of more than 100 students that volunteer with the KIDS program at Northwest, but her mentoring started long before with her own

role model.

"My uncle that died taught me to care about people," Johnston said. "My job is at the senior citizens center and I do this (KIDS). I feel like if I am capable of helping someone I should do it. It teaches me to care about life."

Using one-on-one support is becoming an innovative way to help children succeed. Psychology research has proven children with strong role models work harder, get better grades and establish strong goals and aspirations.

"I think if you don't have a role model then you really don't have as clear a vision as how to reach your goals," Kristine Farley said. "I think if you have a good role model you can better see the difference between right and wrong and they can teach you different things about life and how you want to live your life; the type of person you want to become."

Farley, a child and family studies major, believes a good role model helps with a person's overall development. Farley's role model, her sister, has helped her set and achieve personal goals.

"She has a lot of aspects that I wish I could have," Farley said. "She is so much her own person and outspoken. I like to lead the pack and so does she — she just likes to make waves."

Although many college students may think they are old to have a hero, Farley disagrees.

"I think everyone can find someone to look up to," Farley said. "You have to have a goal and drive to become somebody and then find someone out there that at one time had that goal and desire."

Whether 1 or 100 years old, everyone needs someone to look up to.

Even at her young age, Maggie has become a hero to her little brother, Matthew, in a very special way — she helps him learn to walk.

"I hold his finger and stand him up and say 'Come here, you can do it,'" Maggie said.



Movies spark high school memories



By ABBEY STONE
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Over the past few years I have realized entertainment in the 'Ville comes far and few between. Often you have to create it yourself. There are times when the last place you want to be is at the "local establishment" with everyone else.

Well, now is the time to take charge of the entertainment yourself. Why not rent a movie and make it "Blockbuster Night" or at least a Movie Gallery night. Show your friends your cooking talents and make it a theme night.

Recently, I decided to impress my friends with my cooking talents. So, I rented two movies, and made dinner. We revisited the "lost years" I like to call high school with "Fast

Times at Ridgemont High" and "American Pie."

"Fast Times" brings us back to the early '80s and gives us insight into the life and times of the generation of parachute pants and jelly shoes. Come on, you may not admit to wearing them, but everyone did and I would bet your mom has pictures to prove it.

"Fast Times" is spent primarily in a local mall where a collection of high school students work and spend their free time. "Fast Times" has many now famous actors in it including Jennifer Jason Leigh, Judge Reinhold, Phoebe Cates, and most importantly Sean Penn. Penn plays the hysterical class "stoner" Spicoli. The main topic of discussion among these kids is sex, sex and more sex. Which brings us to our second course, "American Pie."

"American Pie" is set in the present and is primarily about four male high school seniors trying to

lose their virginity by prom. The movie is one of the funniest and most enlightening that I have seen in a long time.

Coming from a family of all girls, I do not know a lot about high school boys. Therefore this movie was, well, a real eye-opener for me. There are several lines in the movie where I was laughing until I was crying. This movie is not one I would recommend watching with your parents though.

To truly complete your themed movie night, try these recipes for Sean Penne Garlic and Tomato Pasta and All-American Apple Pie. Impress your friends, or at least prove to them that you actually know where your fire extinguisher is, and just call Pagliai's.

Recipes from Betty Cocker web site:
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All-American Apple Pie

Start with 3 cans of sliced apples (20 ounces each), drained (instead of the fresh apples), and you'll shave about half of the prep time off this recipe.

- 1 Pillsbury Pre-Made Pie Crust
- 1/3-2/3 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup Gold Medal® all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- Dash of salt
- 8 cups thinly sliced peeled tart apples (8 medium)
- 2 tablespoons stick margarine or butter*

1 Heat oven to 425 degrees.

2 Mix sugar, flour, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt in large bowl. Stir in apples. Turn into pastry-lined pie plate. Dot with margarine. Trim overhanging edge of pastry 1/2 inch from rim of plate. Cover with top pastry that has slits cut in it; trim overhanging edge 1 inch from rim of plate. Fold and roll top edge under lower edge, pressing on rim to seal; flute as desired. Cover edge with 3-inch strip of aluminum foil to prevent excessive browning. Remove foil during last 15 minutes of baking.

3 Bake 40 to 50 minutes or until crust is brown and juice begins to bubble through slits in crust. Serve warm if desired.

*Spreads of at least 65 percent vegetable oil can be substituted.

Sean Penne Garlic and Tomato Pasta

You can roast the tomatoes and garlic ahead of time, if you would like. Just toss with the hot pasta, basil and cheese when you're ready to eat!

- 2 1/2 tablespoons olive or vegetable oil
- 4 or 5 roma (plum) tomatoes, cut in half
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- Freshly ground pepper
- 1/2 bulb garlic, unpeeled
- 1 cup uncooked mostaccioli or penne pasta (3 ounces)
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh or 1 1/2 teaspoons dried basil leaves
- 2 ounces crumbled feta or cubed mozzarella cheese

1 Heat oven to 300 degrees. Place aluminum foil on cookie sheet; generously brush with 1 tablespoon of the oil. Arrange tomato halves, cut sides up, in single layer on foil; brush with 2 teaspoons of the oil. Sprinkle with sugar, salt and pepper.

2 Cut 1/2 inch off top of garlic bulb; drizzle 1 teaspoon of the oil over garlic bulb. Wrap in aluminum foil; place on cookie sheet with tomatoes. Bake 55 to 60 minutes or until garlic is soft when pierced with a knife and tomatoes have begun to shrivel; cool slightly.

3 Cook and drain pasta as directed on package.

4 Squeeze garlic into remaining 1 1/2 teaspoons oil

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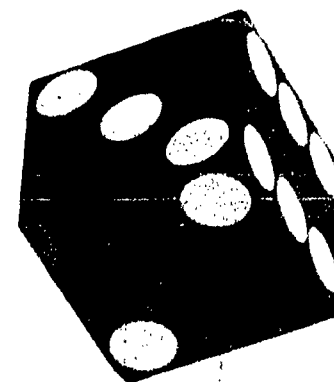
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Football team signs recruits

By MISSOURIAN STAFF

The Northwest football team gained 18 recruits Wednesday.

Head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said he and the coaches are very impressed with the athletes who signed national letters of intent.

"It is one of the most athletic classes we've signed," Tjeerdsma said. "They have good size and there is a lot of height. We have a bunch of guys who are 6-3 or taller. Plus, we've got kids that can run. We put a priority on speed this year. It is obvious we did a good job there, when you look at how many of the kids we signed are track-type people."

The process went smoothly, and the coaches are pleased with what they have seen of the athletes.

"We were as efficient as we've ever been," Tjeerdsma said. "We signed more than 50 percent of the kids that we brought in for visits. That just doesn't happen very often. Obviously, the verdict on this class will come in three or four years. But from film we've seen and seeing these guys in person, this is as good a class as we've had. We've put two very good classes back-to-back."

The coaches think they were successful in recruiting athletes for the positions that needed to be filled.

"In our minds, our top two priorities were defensive ends and tight ends," Tjeerdsma said. "I feel we addressed that need pretty well. I feel good about the fact that we stayed on track as far as a staff and got the players we need at the positions we needed. It is easy to see a good kid and want to sign them at a position you don't need. I just felt like we really needed

to stay with our needs this year. We didn't sign a running back by choice. We needed some wide receivers because of the age of our receivers next year."

After winning a second-consecutive national title, athletes want to play at Northwest, Tjeerdsma said.

"Winning back-to-back national championships has been a tremendous help in recruiting, there is no doubt about that," Tjeerdsma said. "Especially last weekend, when we had recruits in for the championship celebration. Kids want to be associated with a winning program."

The recruits are:

■ Chris Bennett, East St. Louis, Cardinal Ritter High School, defensive back, named all-conference and all-district

■ Luke Erickson, Council Bluffs, Iowa, Lewis Central High School, quarterback, named all-state, all-Western Iowa and all-city

■ Andy Hampton, Oak Grove, Oak Grove High School, quarterback, passed for 1,500 yards in 1999 with 16 touchdowns and four interceptions

■ Reid Blanche, Eldridge, Iowa, North Scott High School, tight end, named all-conference and all-metro

■ Aaron Froehlich, Lincoln, Neb., Lincoln East High School, quarterback, tight end, named all-conference and all-city

■ Tyler Hansen, Omaha, Neb., Westside High School, strong safety, named Super State as a defensive back

■ Chase Demoss, Aurora, Aurora High School, defensive end, named Class 3A first-team all-state

■ Joel Givens, Jefferson City, Jefferson City High School, offensive tackle, named first-team all-district

■ Pat Jordan, Maryville, Maryville High School, quarterback, defensive back, named all-state, all-district and all-conference

■ Joe O'Conner, Kansas City, Mo., Rockhurst High School, linebacker, named second-team all-state for Class 5A

■ Mark Schweitzer, Reed's Springs, Reed's Springs High School, free safety, earned first-team all-state honors in Missouri Class 3A

■ Troy Tysdahl, Hubbard, Iowa, Hubbard Radcliffe High School, outside linebacker, named all-state defensive end

■ Clint Prange, Shelbyville, North Shelby High School, defensive line, named all-state

■ Bret Springs, Leawood, Kan., Rockhurst High School, wide receiver, started on both offense and defense for state finalist team in 1999

■ Jeff Vonnahme, Atlantic, Iowa, Atlantic High School, defensive end, offensive lineman, named all-Western Iowa

■ Jamaica Rector, Celeste, Texas, Celeste High School, wide receiver, named Texas Class A Defensive Player of the Year

■ Mike Tiehen, Kansas City, Mo., Rockhurst High School, defensive end, named all-Kansas City by MetroSports television

■ Morris White, St. Louis, Lindbergh High School, defensive back, wide receiver, named team's most valuable player

■ Mark Mazuch, Madison, Neb., Norfolk High School, tight end, named First-team all-conference

■ Brad Schneider, Lowden, Iowa, North Cedar High School, took all-state honors as an offensive lineman

'Hounds rebuild momentum for basketball season

By BLAKE DREHLE
SPORTS EDITOR

Just when things seemed as if they were going to turn for the worst, the Maryville High School boys' basketball team quickly built on its momentum and is playing competitively in its conference matchups.

The Spoofhounds, 15-4 overall and 2-0 in the Midland Empire Conference, seek to add to a three-game winning streak with a conference game against Smithville at 8 p.m. Friday at Smithville High School.

"They are a tough team," senior guard Zane Schulte said. "They're really good. We're going to have to play hard and play good fundamentals and try our best."

The Warriors come into Friday's game with size down low that has helped them throughout the season, head coach Mike Kuwitzky said.

"They have two or three big guys inside that are some bangers," Kuwitzky said. "Their junior varsity beat our junior varsity last year and that was one of four losses for our JV. Those are the same kids we'll be playing against so we know things will be tough."

The key for the 'Hounds to be successful against the Warriors is to shoot well and execute some things better on defense, Kuwitzky said.

Maryville got back into MEC action Tuesday night after taking a three-week break against conference teams, with a 63-43 home victory against the Platte County Pirates.

After jumping out to an 18-5 lead in the first quarter, the 'Hounds never allowed the Pirates to have a chance to get back into the game.

Schulte led all scorers with 20 points while junior postman Zach Morley was second in scoring with 13.

"We knew we would have to come out and play hard against Platte County, play good defense, play fundamental offense and shoot well as a team," Schulte said.

To get the victory against the Pirates was an important step for the 'Hounds after suffering a loss at Chillicothe because of the competitive nature of the MEC, Schulte said.

"That game (against Chillicothe) was definitely a wakeup call for us," he said. "We struggled that game and they were on fire. We had to come out tonight and play strong to set the building blocks for the rest of conference and districts."

Maryville bounces back in conference against Platte County

By MATT SEVART
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

With two conference games down, there are five games to go for the Maryville High School girls' basketball team.

The 'Hounds have started their run for the Midland Empire Conference and continue Thursday when they play their third game against Smithville.

The 'Hounds bounced back again in Monday's conference game against Platte County, with a game-winning shot by sophomore guard Hailey Lawyer with seconds left in the game.

With seven seconds left in regulation and Maryville leading, 38-36, a foul was called, putting the Pirates on the line.

After sinking both foul shots to tie the game, the 'Hounds pushed the ball up the court to Lawyer, who made the game-winning layup with two seconds left in the game.

"I was excited that we won the game, and surprised that I was so open for the final shot," Lawyer said.

After the 40-38 conference victory, the Spoofhounds improved to 12-8 overall and 2-0 in conference.

The girls had to work for this win though. "It was an uphill battle from the start, head coach Randy Cook said.

"It was all a struggle," Cook said. "We dug ourselves into a hole real quick, trailing at one point, 10-0, and then again, 14-4. Finally we decided we wanted to play and we fought back."

Lawyer, who led the Spoofhounds with 16 points and averages 12.1 per game, said the girls knew they needed to come out ready to play in the second half.

"We started off pretty poor, but we helped each other out and played better progressively throughout the game," Lawyer said. "Right before halftime, we buckled down and got things together."

The 'Hounds are heading into another conference game when they face-off against Smithville at 7 p.m. Thursday at home.

Cook said the Warriors starters are strong and will play a full-court press.

"It is going to be a good game," Cook said. "They don't have much of a bench, but their starting five are great. It will be a very tough battle. They are going to press us, which is something we will work on, but it shouldn't be a problem. If we just take care of ourselves we'll be fine at breaking their press."

RANDY COOK
HEAD COACH

'Cats plan for another winning-streak

Northwest squeezes by Hornets, prepares to face Pittsburg State Saturday in conference battle

By BLAKE DREHLE
SPORTS EDITOR

Battling a two-game road losing streak did not interrupt the swagger of the Northwest men's basketball team as it picked up its first MIAA away victory and seeks to get another winning streak going at home this week.

The win came just two nights after picking up an

80-67 win at Southwest Baptist University Monday.

Emporia State has been struggling lately with an 11-11 record overall, but the Hornets came into the game as a potential hazard in letting the 'Cats keep their winning streak alive.

"When we went down to their place earlier this season some considered them beating us an upset because they had a lot of new players on the team and had some close wins before the conference started," head coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "And when they beat us, people thought it to be a bad loss for us. Since then they have had some really great wins and have played everyone really tough with the exceptions of losses to Missouri Western (State College) and Missouri Southern (State College)."

The Bearcats will try to avenge another loss they suffered on the road against the Pittsburg State University Gorillas at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Bearcat Arena.

"We definitely want to go out and beat our next two opponents because we lost by two points to both teams on the road and to get wins would be great motivation for us to build on," freshman guard Scott Fleming said.

After dropping a 72-63 game to the MIAA's second-place team, Washburn University, and losing a 93-67 decision to first-place, No. 12 Missouri Southern, Tappmeyer said the 'Cats stood strong against Southwest Baptist.

"To get the win was good for a number of reasons," Tappmeyer said. "I know a number of people would say it was good to get that monkey off our backs in winning a road game, but I think we got back to playing well."

"Most people didn't expect us to go and beat Washburn or Mo. Southern, but we just didn't play well and last night (Monday) we got back and played better basketball."

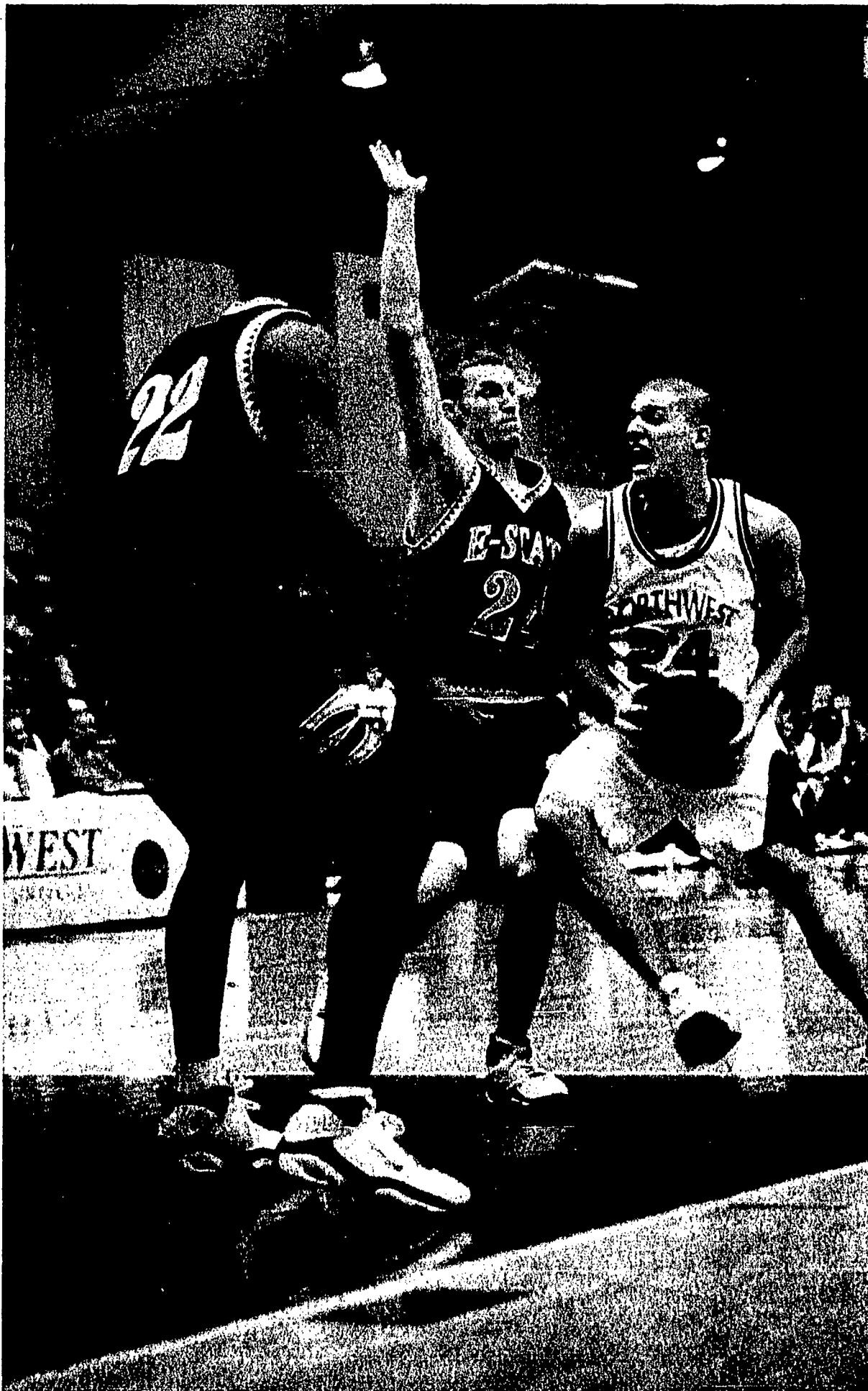
Fleming said the team got together before the Southwest Baptist game and reflected on how they needed to pick things up and produce positive results.

"We had a team meeting the night before the Baptist game and a couple of players talked about how we needed everybody to step up play and make things happen or the season would be in serious trouble," he said.

A reason Tappmeyer said the team came back and made positive results was because the 'Cats had persistence in wanting to beat Southwest Baptist.

"I thought we got that feel back," Tappmeyer said. "The confidence level seemed better and this is a good group of guys who play hard but were kind of back on their heels a little bit after losing two games."

Senior forward Phil Simpson drills past an Emporia State University player at Wednesday night's game in Bearcat Arena. Northwest beat the Hornets 73-70 and improved their



Senior forward Phil Simpson drills past an Emporia State University player at Wednesday night's game in Bearcat Arena. Northwest beat the Hornets 73-70 and improved their

record to 14-5 overall and 6-5 in the MIAA conference. Northwest will take on conference-rival Pittsburg State University at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Bearcat Arena.

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Cagers continue MIAA struggles

Northwest women's basketball team stands at 0-11 in conference, loses to Emporia State

By JUSTIN MCALEER
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Northwest women's basketball team nearly snapped a 10-game losing streak Wednesday night, but instead dropped a 74-66 loss to Emporia State University.

Northwest led with as little as 2:40 left to play in the game, but could not pull off the victory.

"We played better as a team tonight," senior forward Brandi Grigsby-Shannon said. "We started playing together and had a lot of execution on offense."

"We're disappointed with the loss, but we're happy that we fought back. We just have to keep improving, play tougher defense and continue to execute on offense."

The 'Cats, 0-11 in the MIAA and 4-15 overall, had a strong performance Monday night against Southern Baptist University, head coach Gene Steinmeyer said.

"We probably played with more energy (Monday) night than we have all season," Steinmeyer said.

The 'Cats have had chances to fold and turn in their uniforms early, Steinmeyer said. But they have refused and are still striving to get that first conference win.

"We played hard, inspired and had a chance to win until last couple of minutes," Steinmeyer said.

Northwest players are not ready to give up on this season, yet.

"We have a lot of seniors," sophomore forward Kristin Anderson said. "We want to try and win some for them, this is their last chance. We're not looking forward

to next season yet."

The 'Cats had a chance to get back in the win column against Missouri Southern State College, but instead it was the Lions who snapped an eight-game skid, 89-70.

"The two games we had a chance to get, we played very poorly in," Steinmeyer said. "We turned (the ball) over a lot. Lost chances wherever we had chances."

With the second half of the conference season starting on Monday, the 'Cats know what to expect and how to respond

to the MIAA.

"Before now, we didn't know what to expect because we didn't have any tapes on anyone against a zone since everyone in the league plays pressure man to man," Steinmeyer said. "You could put the teams in a hat and shake it up and get the same stuff."

Because of injuries, most starters are playing over 35 minutes a contest, but the 'Cats insist fatigue is no longer a factor.

"In the overtime game against University of Missouri-Rolla we played 40-plus minutes," sophomore forward Kristin Anderson said. "Now I think we are all used to playing quite a few minutes; it is not really an issue for us anymore."

The 'Cats, now playing the role of a spoiler, are hoping to get a few big wins.

"If we play well we can be with anybody in the conference," Anderson said. "We'll try to do that every night and try get as many win out of this season as we can."

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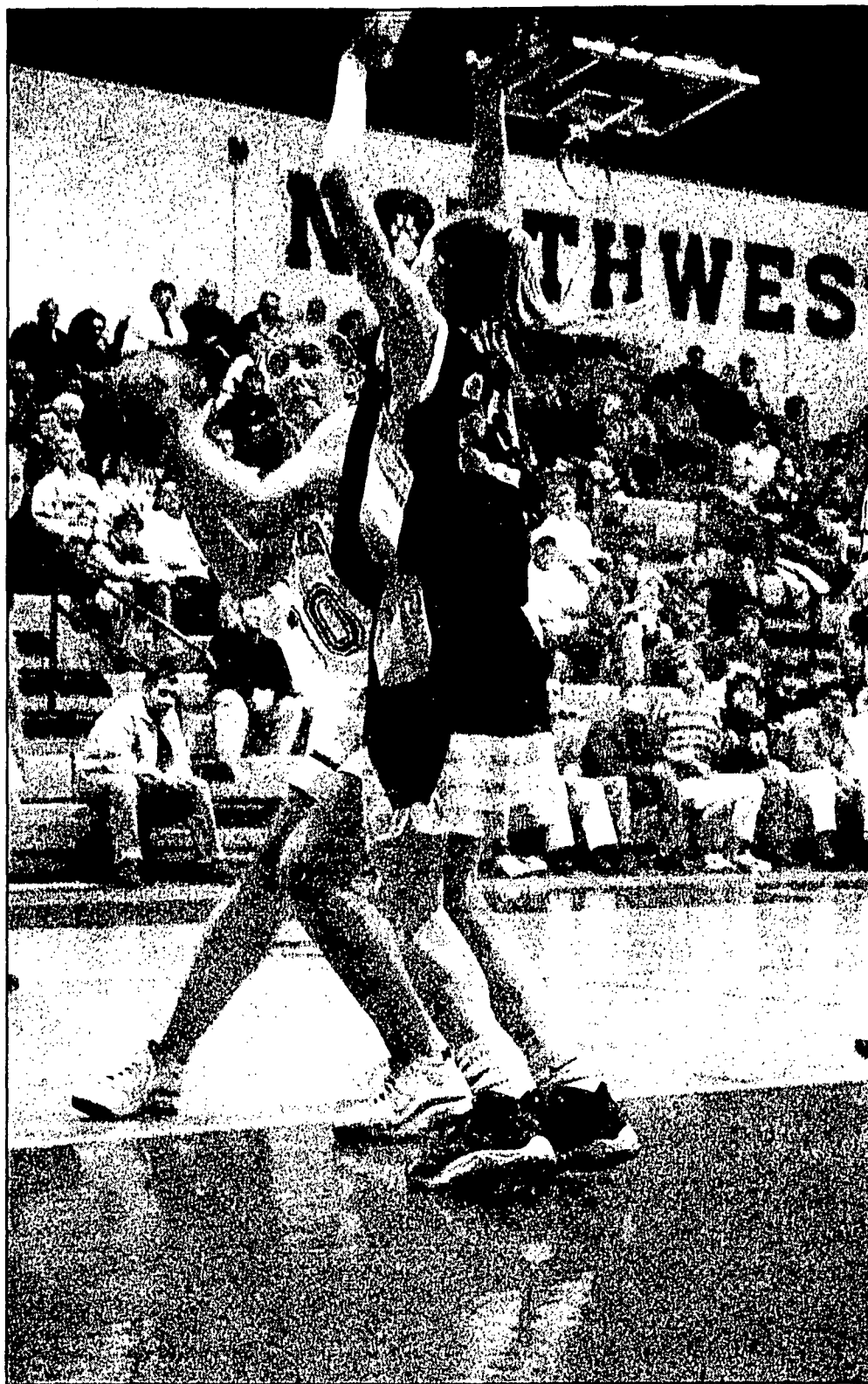


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Sophomore center Kristin Anderson makes two of her 22 points with a shot over an Emporia State University defender during the Bearcats heartbreaking 74-66 loss to the Hornets Wednesday night. The 'Cats next game is scheduled for Saturday at Bearcat Arena against Pittsburg State University.

Harriers perform well at Pitt State, women take first

By JUSTIN BUSH
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Both the Northwest men's and women's track teams had huge turnaround performances at the Pittsburg State University Invitational Saturday.

The women's team powered its way to a first-place victory, finishing with 197 points. The second-place team, Pitt State, finished with just 88 points.

"We really needed that," women's head coach Vicki Wooten said. "I was really pleased with the way they competed. Our overall performance improved and that's what we need to improve a little each week."

The Bearcats had seven first-place finishes. Freshman Jenny Simmons won the pole vault with a school record of 10 feet 2 inches.

Senior Jill Eppenbaugh took first place in both the weight throw, with a toss of 45 feet, and the shot put, with a heave of 40 feet 2 inches.

Sophomore Melissa Eighmy took first place in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:06; sophomore Kim Scarborough captured a victory in the mile run with the time of 5:50; sophomore Ronda Cheers took the 800-meter run in 2:30; Diana Hughes soared above everyone to win the high jump with a leap of 5 feet 3 inches.

The men's team came through with a strong third-place showing.

"I was very pleased with everyone's efforts," men's head coach Richard Alsop said. "We have had a little more time to condition and train. The more conditioned an athlete is the more confident they are. Then they are ready to attack the competition."

The weekend had its downside when a few athletes became sick or were injured.

"We had about three guys who were unable to compete," Alsop said. "Two of them got sick and one was hurt during warm-ups. That hurt us. I think that with them, the guy's team could have scored another 20 or 30 points easily and the team could have quite possibly taken second in the meet."

The two teams will compete Saturday in the Kansas University Invitational.

"This is a non-scoring meet," Alsop said. "The concentration is not on scoring points, but on competing and having a good meet. This will give us a chance to compete with the big schools and to get a good look at some of the other teams in our conference that will be there."

Our overall performance improved and that's what we need to improve a little each week.

VICKI WOOTEN
WOMEN'S HEAD COACH

Grapplers to play host to Districts

By MATT SEVART
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

After the smoke cleared Saturday at the Maryville Quad-State Tournament, the Spoofhounds had three wrestlers with medals and a sixth-place finish overall. The 5-5 'Hounds now await the District Tournament.

Head coach Joe Drake said the Quad-State Tournament is the kind of competition needed heading into the District Tournament.

"There is no doubt it is a good lead up for us going into the District Tournament," Drake said. "There is no comparison, the Quad-State Tournament is a much stronger tournament. There will be a lot more opens in the district tournament and there are only seven teams involved. The level of competition wrestler after wrestler, would not be quite as strong either."

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JOE DRAKE
HEAD COACH

Districts begin at 11 a.m. Saturday at Maryville High School.

Bedford, Iowa won the gold medal, and Cameron finished second, while Smithville placed third.

The 'Hounds did have three wrestlers place and one champion. Senior Heath Reynolds (145 lb) was the sole first-place finisher for the 'Hounds, improving his record to 18-4 on the season.

Other placers were freshman Derek Merrill 22-4, (112 lb) who

placed second and junior Brandon Hull 16-12, finishing third.

Merrill said the Quad-State Tournament brought in new faces and tough competition.

"It was a tough tournament," Merrill said. "You have never seen the people you're going to wrestle before so you don't know what to expect."

"Overall, there was good competition at the 112 weight class. Now I just have to focus on districts and not lose my head."

Drake said it was a beneficial day of wrestling even for those who did not place.

"It is a very competitive tournament," Drake said. "Without saying, those three that placed wrestled exceptionally well. Even the ones that didn't place probably had a very good day of wrestling. But, the competition was so stiff that that was all we could get through to place."

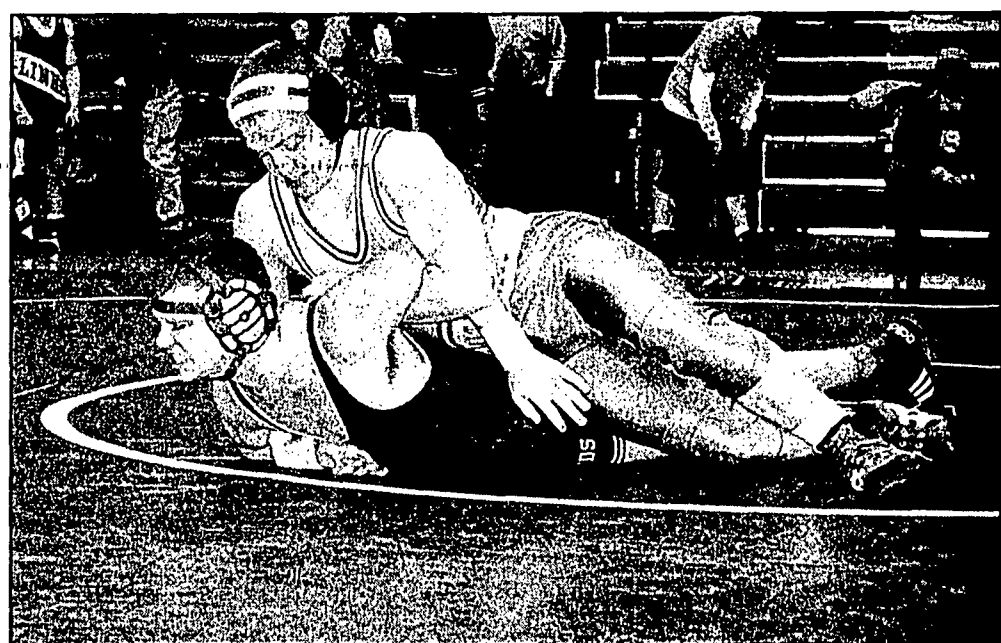


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Spoofhound grappler C.J. Messner battles with an opposing wrestler Saturday during the Quad-State Tournament. Messner lost his match 13-4. The team placed sixth, while three wrestlers received medals. Heath Reynolds placed first, Derek Merrill placed second and Brandon Hull placed third. The 'Hounds are now 5-5 on the season and will play host to the District tournament at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Maryville High School gymnasium.

Maryville High School Wrestling

■ Spoofhound wrestling team placed sixth out of 10 at the Quad-State Tournament which was held in Maryville Jan. 29

■ Senior Heath Reynolds placed first in the 145 lb weight class

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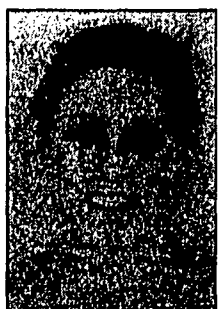
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Jenny Simmons

Bearcat freshman pole vaulter
Helped women track and field team place first at Pittsburg State Invitational finishing first in pole vault. Set a school record with a height of 10-2.

Spoofhound sophomore guard
Had a game high 12 points in the 'Hounds 40-38 victory over Platte County. Scored the game's winning shot on a last second layup.



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Columnist analyzes future of quarterback

By BLAKE DREHLE
SPORTS EDITOR

There is no much to say. Super Bowl XXXIV lived up to its expectations. Everything you wanted, you got in this game.

This game exemplified one of the gutsiest slobber-knockers of the year. Neither team would quit nor let its opponent get the best of them.

Tennessee quarterback Steve McNair showed great composure and possesses the skills of being a fabulous playmaker in years. This was shown by leading his team back from a 16-0 deficit in the third quarter to tie the game.

But the night did not belong to McNair, instead it was controlled by the man who has made the unattainable happen this year, St. Louis quarterback Kurt Warner.

Warner was exceptional in the way he shattered Joe Montana's Super Bowl passing record.

It was also extraordinary to see Warner hook up with wide receiver Isaac Bruce for the 73-yard touchdown pass late in the fourth quarter.

Will there be anybody that will have a story like his or will they ever accomplish the same credible feats that Warner has? Maybe, but there are several questions I have that I would really like to be answered about this quarterback.

How many times do the cameras have to be put on his wife during the games?

When are commentators going to stop talking about how Warner does not shave throughout the week because the NFL is not a nine-to-five job?

How many times will we hear how a Hy-Vee stock boy took over as a starting quarterback and added so much meaning to the game as Warner?

Can the madness stop about how Warner was the lone offensive weapon that won the Super Bowl for the Rams?

Did people forget the acrobatic catch Bruce made for the final touchdown to win the game?

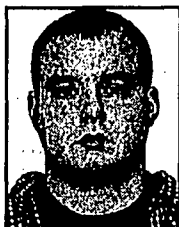
Going from zero to hero in the NFL is hard, but to do this at the peak of your career is even more of a difficult challenge, and for Warner, I just cannot see him tearing things up for that much longer. It was fun to see him take charge of the Rams for a year, but this is something I do not personally care to watch for a long period of time.

Life is grand for Warner right now, but in the NFL you may be a hero one year, and the next year you may be the butt of everybody's jokes.

Maybe it is just me, but I just do not see Warner being the next best quarterback because look at some of the past players that tore up the big games.

Do you remember running back Timmy Smith or what about cornerback Larry Brown? I did not think so.

Just do not forget that Trent Green will be back next season wanting to win that starting quarterback position back.



BLAKE DREHLE
SPORTS EDITOR

DON'T BET ON IT

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Sports gambling is fast becoming a threat to college students with an increase in wagers and introduction of online gambling

By BLAKE DREHLE
SPORTS EDITOR

As one of the biggest games of the year, Super Bowl XXXIV, has come and gone, a person might think the betting season will calm down until another major sports event comes around, but this is not the case anymore.

Now, more than ever, sports gambling is becoming the biggest way for people, especially college students, to try their luck in getting easy cash.

The official NCAA website put out a disclaimer about sports gambling, and it stated that the FBI projected, \$2.5 billion was illegally gambled during the Division I men's basketball championship, second only to the Super Bowl.

This is a serious issue not taken lightly by the NCAA for students or college athletes. Some situations in which the NCAA took action were:

■ In 1995, four University of Maryland football players and one men's basketball player were found to have bet on collegiate sporting events.

■ In 1997, 13 football players at Boston College University were involved in sports gambling activities, four admitted to betting against their own team.

■ In 1998, a basketball player at California State University-Fullerton was approached by a student after practice and offered \$1,000 per game to shave points.

■ In 1999 a law enforcement dismantled a large sports gambling ring that was operating, in part, out of a Columbia University fraternity house.

As a result of these actions, the NCAA banned all players involved in their gambling actions.

To most college students gambling is not an item that should be illegal, but something that is apart of their everyday living.

The profile of the typical college student who gambles is someone who believes he or she can control their own destiny, someone who is willing to take risk, and someone who believes they possess the skill to be successful in this endeavor according to Bill Saum, director agent and gambling activities. If you look at these qualities in a positive light, they are reflected in many college athletes. This may, in part, explain why some student-athletes are drawn to sports gambling.

While it is unattainable to analyze the prevalence of sports gambling or gambling in general on most college campuses, there is enough evidence to alarm people.

A recent University of Cincinnati/NCAA-sponsored study randomly surveyed 2,000 male student-athletes

in Division I basketball and football programs to assess the extent of NCAA rules violations. The survey disclosed over 25 percent of athletes reported gambling on college sporting events other than their own while in college. Four percent of the athletes admitted to wagering on games in which they had played. Alarmingly, three of the athletes admitted to changing the outcome of the game they played in.

In another study, of 1,700 students from six colleges and universities who were not athletes, 33 percent of male students and 15 percent of female students admitted to gambling at least once a week or more. The data also revealed the rate of pathological and problematic gambling among college students is four to eight times higher than reported for the adult population.

The fastest growing way of sports gambling for college campuses is the Internet. The most significant aspect of Internet gambling is that it provides a college student with the opportunity to place wagers on sporting events from his or her own residence hall. Many college students have unlimited use of the Internet, giving this group the best abilities to bet on games.

However, students must realize the dangers of using the Internet for betting, because like any other kind of gambling, it is illegal.

The government is doing everything in its power to control sports gambling and one of the first steps was taken Jan. 27 with a bill banning all legal betting on college and amateur sports to be introduced in the next several weeks.

The High School and College Gambling Prohibition Act will be introduced by R.-Kan. Sen. Sam Brownback and D.-Vt. Sen. Patrick Leahy following a bill made by the National Gambling Impact Study Commission stating college and amateur betting be ban within the next couple of weeks.

It is impossible to visit a campus and not find at least a handful of sophisticated operations run by students...

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6 TYPES OF GAMBLERS

■ Professional gamblers make their living from gambling and thus consider it a profession. They are skilled in the games they choose to play and are able to control both the amount of money and time spent gambling. Professional gamblers are not addicted to gambling. They patiently wait for the best bet and then try to win as much as they can.

■ Anti-social or personality gamblers use gambling as a way to get money by illegal means. They are likely to be involved in fixing horse or dog races, or playing with loaded dice or marked cards. They may attempt to use a compulsive gambling diagnosis as a legal defense.

■ Casual social gamblers gamble for recreation, sociability and entertainment. For them, gambling may be a distraction or a form of relaxation. Gambling does not interfere with family, social or vocational obligations. Examples of such betting are the occasional poker game, Super Bowl bets, a yearly trip to Las Vegas and casual involvement in the lottery.

■ Serious social gamblers invest more of their time in gambling. Gambling is a major source of relaxation and entertainment, yet these individuals place gambling second in importance to family and vocation. This type of gambler could be compared to a "golf nut," whose source of relaxation comes from playing golf. Serious social gamblers still maintain control over their gambling activities.

■ Relief and escape gamblers gamble to find relief from feelings of anxiety, depression, anger, boredom or loneliness. They use gambling to escape from crisis or difficulties. Relief and escape gamblers are not compulsive gamblers.

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- Does the person feel uncomfortable?

SUPER BOWL GAMBLING STATISTICS

■ Gambling on the Super Bowl is big. In Nevada casinos alone, legal wagering on the event has almost doubled to \$75.9 million in 1999 from \$40 million only eight years earlier. While there is no accurate measure of how much is bet illegally in the United States, estimates range upward from \$22.5 billion, \$10 for every man, woman and child in the country.

ONLINE GAMBLING

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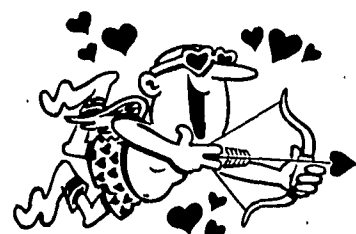
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Ladies and Gentlemen, fellow students, faculty members and administrators, I'd like to bring to your attention a situation that can be remedied by this great university.

In the late 1970s, there was a baseball player who was beginning his career here at our beloved university. While at Northwest, this man set two records — assists, 114, and homeruns, 10. In his last season here, he led the team in runs batted in, triples and homers. No. 8 was also named first team all-conference and was on the second squad of the NCAA all-district team.

Legend has it that he once bounced a homerun off the Armory across the street from the baseball field.

Fresh out of Northwest, but without a degree because of his number of credit hours, this man signed a professional contract to play third base for the Minnesota Twins. With the Twins, he went to the World Series in 1987 and won a championship ring. He then went to the California Angels, and he played briefly with the Kansas City Royals. He was a teammate of both Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire during the famous homerun chase of



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'98 as he was traded from the St. Louis Cardinals to the Chicago Cubs.

His 359 career homeruns places him 19th on the all-time homerun list, one ahead of Yogi Berra and tied with Johnny Mize. He is one of only 51 players all-time to have more than 2,000 hits and 300 homers and has won four gold gloves. He's played every position, except catcher, professionally. Most importantly though, in my opinion, is that he started out as a Bearcat.

The problem is that after a long and quite illustrious career, Gary Gaetti is probably not going to make a team next season. At 41, and with a new surgically repaired knee, there aren't

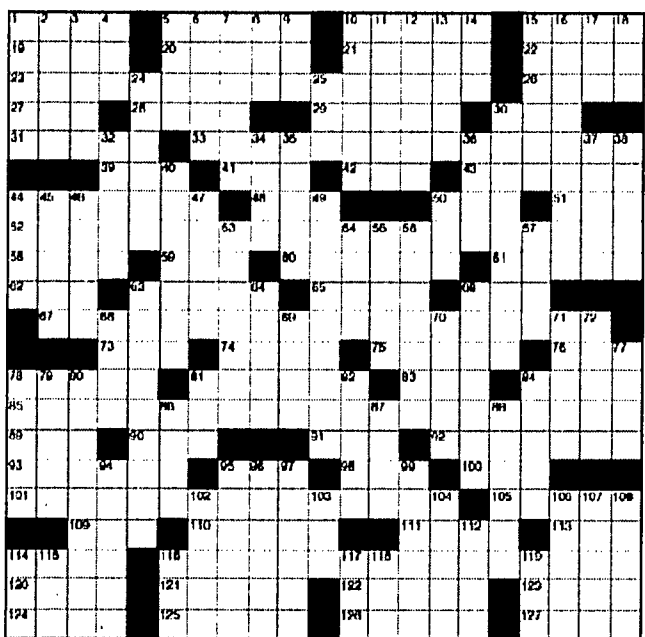
many teams in major league baseball that can afford to sign him. His numbers, while phenomenal, might not get him into the Baseball Hall of Fame. He'll probably retire quietly, maybe coach, but nonetheless fade off into obscurity like most shooting stars do. As Bearcats, however, we have a unique chance to do something to recognize this man.

I propose that we invite Gary to come back to where it all began. There aren't many famous Bearcats out there in the world, and this is our chance to give one of the best a proper farewell. Even though he didn't actually graduate, let's try to do the responsible thing and give him some sort of honor or recognition for all that he's accomplished.

We could have him send our seniors off with the confidence that they too, as Bearcats, can achieve their dreams like he did, by allowing him to speak at graduation. Maybe we should retire his number, give him an honorary degree, or name a field after him. No matter what is decided, we should at least take the initiative to honor one of our best students.

It's up to you Northwest.

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19. Bjorn
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21. Together
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26. Fish features
27. Nureyev documentary, I
28. Dancer
29. Shower installation
29. Japanese dog
30. College football day, usually
31. Pocahontas' hubby
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73. Industrial container
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81. The upon us?
83. Little drink
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105. Chef's hat
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123. British gun
124. Private home?
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3. Ultimate
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8. Coarse
9. Crossword singer
10. Take on, as a job
11. More pallid
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13. U.N.'s Kofi
14. Part; abbr.
15. African adventure
16. Toothpaste ingredients
17. Jethro Tull's Anderson
18. Literary inits.
24. Big name in bouillon
25. Smidge
30. Late arrival
32. Stroke of luck
34. Move carefully
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36. Flat on the mat
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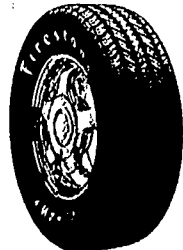
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